

What you will need to know before shopping for a Diamond?

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- A. What is the size of her left ring finger?
- B. What kind of metal and color does she prefer?
- C. What kind of rings does she like?
- D. What are the hobby and sports that she likes to do?
- E. What kind of lighting is she under most of the day?
- F. What is your budget for the engagement ring?



- A. What is the size of her left ring finger?
 - 1. Get a ring she normally wears on that finger and bring it with you to get the correct size.
 - 2. Use a ring sizer and bring it with you.

See this link to see how to use the ring sizer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTkmKP5IUPs&feature=youtu.be>

B. What kind of metal and color does she prefer?



White Gold Engagement Ring



Platinum Engagement Ring



Yellow Gold Engagement Ring with a White Gold Setting for White Diamonds



Rose Gold Engagement Ring



Two Tone Engagement Ring – white & yellow gold



Yellow Gold Engagement Ring



Two Tone Engagement Ring – White & Rose Gold

C. What kind of rings does she like?

Usually it takes a lady 2 ½ weeks of trying on rings to gather 6 pictures of the types of engagement ring she likes. This will help you choose a ring similar or have one made.

D. What are the hobby and sports that she likes to do?

1. This needs to be addressed to ensure a maintenance free ring design.
2. If she gardens then she needs to wear gloves because this activity will wear prongs down in a couple of months. This means you take a chance of losing the center diamond.



3. If she works out with metal dumbbells in the gym, the criss cross cuts on them will cut into the bottom of the ring. She needs to wear workout gloves and cut a slit in the glove so her diamond will come through and protect the ring from being cut into by the grooves.



4. The harder her activities the more solid a setting is needed for the diamond(s).

E. What kind of lighting is she under most of the day?



This helps determine the best color of diamond to show up in the lighting it is seen under the most. (This will be discussed when selecting diamond color.)

F. What is your budget for the engagement ring?

1. Take your total and divide out the tax to see how much you have for the diamond and the ring.

Example (Michigan tax is current 6%) \$10,000 total so divide by 1.06 = \$9,433.96

2. Figure out what your ring will cost you and then way you will know how much you can spend on the diamond once you subtract from #1 calculation.

Example (Tiffany 14 Karat White Gold Size 6 Engagement Ring \$250.00)

\$9,433.96 - \$250.00 for the Tiffany 14K Gold ring = \$9,183.96 available for the diamond.

For Example:

\$9,183.96 for the diamond

\$ 250.00 for the Tiffany 14 Karat White Gold Ring

\$ 566.04 taxes

\$10,000.00 Total